

THE "TIES UP" PARK BOB BOB!

Crew Refuses to Work in Spite of the Pleas of Nurses.

NORIDES FOR THE "KIDS."

Traffic Suspended Until Demand for Shorter Hours Was Conceded.

"I'm sorry for youse kids, but we've got to strike," said the big engineer of the Central Park Miniature Railroad yesterday morning as he climbed off his locomotive. "There won't be any more trains on this road till we down the capitalists."

There was a shout of disappointment from a hundred children who had been waiting to take a ride on the four-block "baby" railroad at One Hundred and Sixth street yesterday morning. They had their money in their hands to pay for tickets, and their little minds were set upon journeying on the "putt putt." When the engineer banked his fires and the conductor went off and sailed under a spreading maple tree many of the youngsters burst into tears.

"They make us work too long and they don't pay us enough," the big engineer continued, as a very small girl asked him to get back on his engine, please, and run it just once because she had a little cousin with her from Syracuse who was just dying to see the thing go.

"You can't do it," he said. "I'll bet the boys work from 9 in the morning till 10 at night, and the Knights of Labor have called us out. Besides, all the lines are being laid out, and this road has got to quit, too. No, miss. Not another ride till the capitalists surrender."

The nurses pleaded winningly with the train crew also, but they stood sullen and immovable.

"They send any soul labor to take our places," said the engineer. "I'll bet the kids won't stand for it. They'll stone 'em, that's what they'll do, and they'll wheel heavy carriages on the track and the soles dabble move."

The strikers consulted for some time and then sent a committee of three to the offices of Cagney Bros. of No. 301 Broadway, owners of the road, to make a formal demand for one hour less work a day. The firm refused the demand, and a word was sent to the Park that the strike was off.

At 11 o'clock before the road began running again, and there were a hundred children waiting anxiously at the railroad station. The line is known as the Central Park Miniature Railroad, following the well-known practice of naming a road after the towns at which it does not touch.

For several hours the cars were jammed. The children, delighted to get their railroad back, patronized it in a wholesale way, and stood on each other's feet and nearly climbed on shoulders to get a chance to travel.

When they went home their heads were full of the details of the strike. The news was much more important to them than anything that could happen on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit or the Metropolitan lines.

The news of the strike was bulletined at police headquarters, so that the authorities could send out a force to take charge of the situation if they thought it expedient.

BURGLARS WITH BOOTY

RUN INTO SHOT GUNS.

Two Thieves Caught Robbing the House of Albert S. Hubbard, Near Belleville, N. J.

Two of the burglars who have been robbing houses at Belleville, N. J., for the past two months were captured at 2 o'clock this morning in the Edgewood Heights section, and are now in the police station with a third suspect.

The burglars were caught red-handed in the cottage of Albert S. Hubbard on Rosseton street, having been discovered by Mrs. Mary A. Smith, who lives in the house adjoining.

Mrs. Smith aroused Mr. Hubbard, who was sleeping in the room, and the family while repairs were being made to his own home.

Hubbard secured assistance, and when the thieves came in with their booty they were ordered to throw up their hands at the point of shot guns. They were taken to jail.

They gave their names as William Pfeiffer and Charles Weiss, both of Philadelphia. On the way to the station the police arrested John Gaudin, a Frenchman. He had a quantity of hose nozzles and gas fixtures.

CENTENARIAN SEATS

SON OF SEVENTY-EIGHT.

Boasts That He Has Chewed Tobacco and Drunk Whiskey Most of His Life.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 19.—Monroe Hedges, 100 years old, chastised his son, Hiram Hedges, seventy years old, because Hiram came home drunk and abused his wife, and to-day Police Judge Cox fined young Hiram for his condition, but took no judicial cognizance of the elder Hedges' exercise of a parental prerogative.

The centenarian was sitting in his chair when Hiram came abusive. The old man took his cane and struck his son across the face and knocked him down.

Monroe came to Indiana with the French at the close of the last century, and settled with his parents near Vincennes. He drove the first spike on the first railroad that crossed Indianapolis.

"Over seventy," he said, "I was an acrobat in a circus. I have chewed tobacco and used liquor most of my life, and will drink whiskey now if I had the money to buy it."

BURST WATER MAIN

DELAWS MANY TRAINS.

Flood Tore Up Sixteen Feet of the New York Central's Track Near Woodlawn.

Trains on the Harlem Division of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad were delayed three hours yesterday morning by the bursting of a four-foot water main just this side of the Woodlawn station. The flood washed away sixteen feet of the solid roadbed of the railroad. The hole it made was from six to eight feet deep.

Water gushed out of the hole and ran down the tracks, and workmen have been blasting on the road. At 9:50 o'clock yesterday morning a blast burst the main, which is elevated above the tracks in the middle of Webster avenue. In a few moments the torrent of water pouring down the tracks had bored out a huge opening, leaving the four tracks suspended in the air. An hour elapsed before the water was turned off.

Ended His Life in Central Park.

An unknown man about fifty years old was found dead in Central Park, near the western end of the reservoir, yesterday morning. He had committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. He was five feet six inches high, weighed 150 pounds, and had dark complexion, gray eyes and sandy hair, and had a black frock coat and vest, and two white handkerchiefs marked with the letter "M."

INTERDICTED SNAKE

TOOK A FATAL DOSE OF POISON.

Big Racer Was Cheerfully Squeezing a Young Calf to Death.

His Temerity Cost Him Three Hours' Time Roosting in the Branches.

What the snake's motive was for trying to convert the calf into pulp deserves to take rank as a problem in psychology. Even although the reptile was ten feet two inches long, Farmer Job Hendrickson is reluctant to believe that it was big enough to have developed an appetite for veal.

Farmer Otis Tatum is the author of the hypothesis that this was a milking blacksnake, which had come to look upon nursing calves as its natural enemies, because they reduced the supply of its favorite nutriment. As it was Tatum who killed the snake, he is delivering Hendrickson from an unhappy exile in the branches of a tree, any theory of his is held to be entitled to distinguished consideration, and this one is supported by the "well-known fact" that a blacksnake will milk a cow when it gets a chance.

Snake Had a History.

It was quite an institution, this snake, in the neighborhood of Wilbertha, which is not far from Trenton, N. J. The farmers spoke of it as "the big snake," and told stories of how for many summers it had survived sporadic clubbings and stonings at the hands of a hostile sylvan population.

Hendrickson went out into his pasture yesterday to minister to a four-week-old calf, and found it almost at its last gasp in the coils of the big snake. His tongue protruded and his eyes were staring from his head, from which symptoms his proprietor inferred that it was being hugged with some vehemence.

The farmer picked up a fence rail and gave the monster a jolt over its head, and it incensed, the snake unwound himself from the calf and made as if to convert Hendrickson into a spoon.

Farmer Climbed a Tree.

But Hendrickson made for a tree on the other side of the lot, near the turnpike, and reached it about a length ahead of his competitor—a snake's length. This gave him an opportunity to climb out of reach.

The racer coiled itself comfortably in a hollow at the foot and watched Hendrickson with his head swaying gently and its tongue describing swift bayonet thrusts from its mouth.

The farmer spent three hours thus. When he saw his neighbor, Tatum, jogging along a highway on top of a load of hay, he stopped and turned the head of the snake, and it was seen to be swaying gently and its tongue describing swift bayonet thrusts from its mouth.

The wounded reptile died game, winding itself round the handle of the fork and throwing about its head and its tail in a cloud of dust before it yielded up its breath. Tatum towed it away at the tail of his wagon. In the day called its skin to his barn door.

Three Manila Ducks

MAKE A BAD MISTAKE.

They Tackle One Yankee Pelican at Central Park and Get Licked in Fifteen Seconds.

Three newly arrived Philippine ducks received a lively welcome in the Central Park menagerie yesterday. They were rebels from the interior of Luzon, captured by Captain C. N. Smith, of the ship Klama from Manila.

The rebel ducks were seven months at sea, and during their voyage had lost their feathers through eating a marine diet of salt pork and hard tack, which did not agree with them very well.

When taken from their cage, the rebel ducks promptly made an attack on Director Smith, of the menagerie, and tried to bite him. He had them placed in an enclosure with an American pelican.

The Philippines had never before met a bird of that sort, and they made an attempt to kill the pelican, but the Yankee bird sailed in and licked all three of them in fifteen seconds by the watch.

The name of the rebel ducks are Aguilero, Azonillo, and Luna. They were very thoughtful after their debate with the pelican, and Mr. Smith thinks they are planning to defeat him by guerrilla tactics.

A MASKED HIGHWAYMAN

LURKS NEAR BABYLON.

He Shot Five Times at a Bakery Wagon and the Villagers Desire to Find Him.

The Babylon which is on Long Island is searching for a highwayman who shoots at pedestrians and runs the risk of being killed for very small number of dollars.

George Brown, a driver for Baker Charles Snedeker, was "held up" by the highwayman at 5 o'clock yesterday morning in Deer Park avenue. The fellow sprang from the bushes, and the driver fled to the side of the street. He was masked and wore a hood.

"Get down from your seat," he said, "and give up your money."

Brown's horse shied and Brown whipped him into a gallop. The highwayman fired five bullets at the escaping driver, one of which hit the driver's head. When the Babylon folks heard of the attempted hold-up they forthwith organized a highwayman hunt, which is still in progress.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE TO TAKE ANOTHER TRIP.

Mrs. McKinley's Health is Still Poor, and They Will Go to Lake Champlain.

Washington, July 19.—President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington, probably within a week, on a trip for the benefit of Mrs. McKinley's health, which is still poor.

The President spent a vacation of two weeks ago, and will be absent from Washington at least two weeks. On their way back they may visit Vice-President Hobart.

Bits of City News.

J. P. Boylen, nineteen months old, fell on 10 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, last night, and was killed by a horse.

Sheriff Dunn was yesterday notified by the officials of the Perth Amboy Savings Institution that a check for \$100,000, payable to the Morris & Essex Bank, which had been stolen by the Savings Institution, was being cashed at the Morris & Essex Bank in this city.

The bonds were seized last Monday in the vault of the National Park Bank in this city.

James Daly, of No. 512 West Twenty-eighth street, was driving a team and cart loaded with stone down Fifth avenue, yesterday, when the horse, which was being driven by a man, ran into a lamp post, and the stone was scattered the mail which was in a box attached to it.

Leslie Alexander, a clerk in the hotel at No. 153 East Twenty-sixth street, found a female child, about two weeks old, in one of the rooms, yesterday. The room had been occupied by a man, and the child was found in a box, with a card, registering as John Black and wife of this city. The child was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

George W. Sylvester, City Marshal of Portland, Me., has sent a letter to the police of this city, asking them to look for Owen R. Sweet, of Portland. He has been missing from his home since July 10.

FATHER ESCAPED; SON HURT.

Erie Freight Train Struck Their Carriage, Killing the Horses.

A freight train of the Erie Railroad, moving at the speed of twenty-five miles an hour, struck a carriage containing Tony Parker and his ten-year-old son, of Passaic, N. J., yesterday morning, and furnished a remarkable chapter in the history of similar railroad accidents. The father was not injured at all and the boy escaped with a broken leg.

When the locomotive struck the carriage the vehicle, horses and occupants were thrown high in the air. Mr. Parker landed in a ditch on the side of the road and was on his feet almost instantly. The boy in his descent struck the cow-catcher of the locomotive and lodged there. The train traveled two hundred feet before it could be stopped, and the train crew was amazed to find young Parker conscious and crying lustily.

Beyond the injury to his leg, he sustained only minor bruises. The horses were instantly killed.

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